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The Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Prison Division

The Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Prison Division is responsible for the day to day operations of the Department's 18 correctional institutions. In addition, the Deputy Commissioner of the Prison Division oversees the Office of Investigative Services, Central Transportation Unit, Central Inmate Disciplinary Unit and the Central Community Work Crew Division. In his position, Deputy Commissioner James R. Bender plays a critical role in formulating policies, initiatives and directives.

Deputy Commissioner Bender is the reviewing authority for appeals submitted by inmates who have been sentenced to the Department Disciplinary Unit (DDU). His office prepares the packages for his review and works closely with the Central Inmate Disciplinary Unit to ensure that the information is complete and accurate so the Deputy Commissioner can make a fair and informed decision.

The Deputy Commissioner reviews all Category II investigations prepared by the Office of Investigative Services and determines whether or not the allegations have merit. Category II complaints generally involve major infractions of the rules, regulations, policies, or post orders. This office prepares and sends letters to all affected parties informing them of the Deputy's findings.

The staff deal with a diverse group of external stakeholders including legislative members, inmate families and various law enforcement agencies. Spanish speaking staff are a tremendous asset for Spanish speaking inmate family members, who are genuinely appreciative of the fact that they can openly communicate with this office regarding their loved ones who are incarcerated in our facilities.

Here is a brief background of the staff that make this office so unique:

James R. Bender, Deputy Commissioner, Prison Division

In 1973, Deputy Commissioner Bender received his Bachelor of Science in Sociology from Geneseo State College in New York and in 1977 he received his Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Northeastern University. He has 32 years of state service beginning in 1977 as a Correctional Social Worker at MCI Cedar Junction. He became Acting Deputy Commissioner in 2003 and was appointed to the position in 2004.

Michele (Mitch) Richard, Executive Assistant

In 1983, Mitch began her career at the North Central Correctional Institution and in 1985 began working with then Superintendent Bender as his secretary at that facility. She became his Executive Assistant in 1995 while he was the Assistant Deputy Commissioner of Secure Facilities and continues to be Deputy Commissioner Bender's Executive Assistant. She has a total of 26 years of state service.

Margaux Reinoso, Special Assistant

Margaux has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice which she received from Anna Maria College in 2004. In 2007 she then received her Master's of Science in Justice Administration from Anna Maria College. Margaux began her career with the Department of Correction in 2004 as the Administrative Secretary to Deputy Commissioner Bender. She currently holds the position of Special Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner of the Prison Division.

Katherine Gonzalez, Administrative Secretary



Kathy has a Bachelor's Degree in Spanish with Minors in Biology and Sociology from Assumption College which she received in 2004. In 2007 she received her Master's of Science in Criminal Justice from Anna Maria College. In 2007, Kathy also received a Graduate Certificate in Emergency Management from Anna Maria College. She was hired as Administrative Secretary to the Deputy Commissioner of the Prison Division in 2008.

Pictured: Deputy Commissioner James R. Bender, Margaux Reinoso (left), Katherine Gonzalez (center) and Michele Richard.

DOC Inmate Work Crews Clean Up Green at Boston Marathon

By Gina Perez

DOC inmate work crews have been setting and cleaning up in Hopkinton and Boston during the Boston Marathon since 2000. On Marathon Monday, ten crews picked up trash and recycling in Hopkinton and Boston. Again this year, they recycled all cardboard and plastic bottles. This year's recycling totals were: 3929 pounds of cardboard, 600 pounds of cans/bottles, 244 pounds of plastic, 290 pounds of foil blankets, 1850 pounds of compost and 1000 pounds of trash.

The recycling initiative was introduced last year for DOC community work crews, which have been in operation for over 16 years. The Boston Marathon was the first project in this initiative. Boston's 4th of July Esplanade extravaganza, Walk for Hunger, AIDS Walk, JP Morgan Corporate Challenge, Head of the Charles Regatta and the Pan Mass Challenge followed.

DOC work crews are minimum security inmates nearing release or parole eligibility. They are supervised on site by DOC Correction Officers and staff. The work experience allows inmates an opportunity to return something positive to the community during their incarceration as well as learn responsibility. Additionally, at a time when cities and towns are struggling with resources, these crews have played an important role in performing work that might otherwise not be done.

In 2008, there were 341 community work crews providing over 1.1 million work hours saving the Commonwealth over \$8 million. The DOC has provided inmate work crews to cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth as well as to the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Emerald Necklace Conservatory and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency.

Inmates engaged in work release and programming improve their ability for successful reentry when they return to their communities upon release. Reentry is sound public policy which promotes public safety.

OCCC Victorious at 3rd Annual Law Enforcement Softball Tournament

By Tina Anthony

On May 16, 2009, after a very long day and night, with their first game starting at 8:20 a.m. and the last game ending after 11:00 p.m., Old Colony Correctional Center was victorious in the 3rd Annual Law Enforcement Softball Tournament held at MCI Shirley.

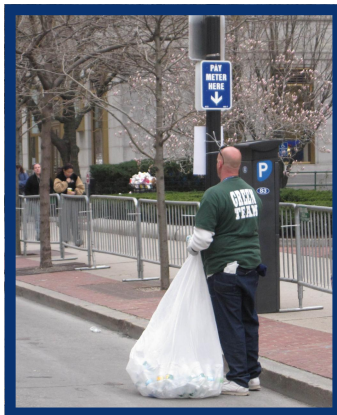
All money donated to participate in this tournament is given to three organizations: the Dylan Barnes Educational Fund, Tiana Notice Domestic Violence Fund and Sunshine Haven.



FRONT ROW (left to right): Raymond Marquis, Dale Burgo, John Cugno

BACK ROW (l to r): Ryan Marquis, George Rivera, Steve McMullen, Rob D'Amadio, Shawn Sousa, Ted Lariviere, Steve Avelino, Ian James, Bob Miller, Mike Lewis

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First DOC Diversity Open House A Success

By Monsi Quinones

The DOC Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity sponsored the 1st Annual Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE) Open House and Vendor Networking Event on April 30, 2009 at Northeastern Correctional Center. There were close to 350 attendees including 68 M/WBE exhibitors. Exciting new connections were developed with numerous markets represented.

The DOC broke new ground through this initiative as it was a first for an executive branch department to offer such a networking opportunity in its support of the Commonwealth's Affirmative Market Program. Speakers included Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Undersecretary Mary Elizabeth Heffernan, who shared words of support and encouragement.

This statewide event paved the way for the DOC to showcase our commitment to developing business partnerships with minority and women owned vendors as well as providing the opportunity for vendors and representatives of state departments to develop business relationships with each other.

During the event, the Office of Diversity unveiled the Commissioner's Diversity Advisory Council, which represents a cross section of the diversity of DOC employees. After the council members were introduced, DOC Commissioner Harold W. Clarke remarked, "They are my boss when it comes to change in the DOC!"

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DOC and Army Reserves Sign MOA

By Karen Hetherson

On the morning of April 10, 2009, Commissioner Harold W. Clarke and Brigadier General John Cornelius from the Army Reserves met to sign an agreement to join the Army Reserve Employer Partnership Initiative (EPI). The Army Reserve created the Employer Partnership Initiative to facilitate strategic and mutually beneficial relationships with employers and associations.

The focus of the program is to enable us to work with the Army Reserve, which would enhance our recruitment efforts to identify soldiers in designated Military Occupational Specialties (MOS) that would be aligned with the hiring/staffing needs of the department. Our postings for various job opportunities would be readily available to those soldiers looking for employment opportunities upon their return which will further enhance the diversity of our department.

The Department of Correction employs members of the Army Reserve and maintains a deep commitment to hiring and supporting the brave men and women who protect and defend America. These Warrior-Citizens have a well-earned reputation as exemplary employees with proven leadership, teamwork, discipline and grace under pressure that are immeasurably valuable to any organization.

National Guard General Carter graciously allowed us to hold this event in his conference room. We were honored that he chose to attend with several of his key staff members along with members of Commissioner Clarke's Executive Staff.

By signing this agreement, the Army Reserve and the Massachusetts Department of Correction hereby agree to explore mutually beneficial initiatives that support the missions of both organizations. The Massachusetts Department of Correction supports employees who answer the call to serve in the Army Reserve. Both partners will encourage Army soldiers to pursue careers with employer partners.



Getting Schooled

By Daniel Calis

On a cold night a few years ago, laughter and cheers ignited as staff from MCI Framingham took their place on a basketball court in a school gym in Canton, Massachusetts. This was not just any basketball court at your local school, and the opponents proved to be some of the toughest individuals we would ever face. Those same opponents are also responsible for giving us some of our fondest memories and what would later become some special relationships.

Our opponents grinned with excitement and peered toward us as we took to the court. Confident, we saddled up for what would turn out to be a vicious beating. Up and down the court we went for what seemed like an eternity. We really didn't score much and really couldn't keep up with our opponents. Nevertheless, we hung in there and fought to the end. We shook hands with our opponents, shared some laughs and then went and put our wheelchairs away before having some cake and ice cream with the kids that just gave us our beating. That's right, wheelchair basketball at the Massachusetts Hospital School (MHS).

Some of the kids we played that night have Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, and trauma based disabilities that included brain injuries. Through it all, we learned that individuals could overcome obstacles, pursue their dreams and achieve goals against all odds.

After that amazing night, everyone left with the same thoughts in mind. What more can we do? We arranged a meeting with the MHS staff. We learned that the primary mission of MHS was to provide medical, rehabilitative, educational and vocational services to children and young adults with multiple disabilities, which will assist them to achieve their maximum level of independence in all aspects of life.

With all this knowledge and a thirst to help, we decided to get the word out. The staff at MCI Framingham was approached and requests were made for volunteers and athletes alike. After a short time, the pool of individuals included Academy staff as well as wellness participants from around the Department. Through a coordinated effort, DOC staff have completed numerous projects at MHS and continue to participate in athletic events with the students.

During the holidays, MCI Framingham staff raised enough money to purchase Christmas gifts for the students. These gifts were greatly appreciated by the students and the faculty members.

After losing in basketball, MCI Framingham staff tried their luck at wheelchair football. Again a vastly superior team soundly defeated us. We are now in negotiations to play them in sled hockey at the Canton Ice Hockey Rink.

Some time has passed since our first encounter with our friends and much has been done to give assistance to a great cause, but we can still do more. As corrections professionals, we have proved over time that together we can accomplish great things. In our daily duties, we often find a world filled with serious issues that can lead to harm and stress. The grinning faces are a nice break from the reality of walking that daily beat. If any facility or division is interested in volunteering their time please contact your local wellness representative.

Thanks Greg for all
your help with the
MCI Shirley
Spotlight!

SPOTLIGHT ON MCI SHIRLEY



Shaker Village Restoration Project

By Greg McCann

On Thursday, May 28, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the Joseph A. Ribeiro Training Center in Shirley to celebrate the completion of what is hopefully Phase I of a project to restore Shaker buildings located on the grounds of MCI Shirley. The event was covered by the Boston Globe and local media outlets. In attendance were Senators James Eldridge and Pam Resor who, after being contacted by the Shirley Historical Society, were instrumental in acquiring funding for the project, as well as State Representative Jennifer Benson. From the DOC, Commissioner Harold W. Clarke, Deputy Commissioners James R. Bender, Ronald T. Duval, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Paul DiPaolo, MCI Shirley Superintendent Duane MacEachern and Division of Capital Management Director Jeff Quick also were present.

In his remarks, Commissioner Clarke said, "Over the 18 months of construction, this project helped to ready some Department of Correction inmates for reentry into society. The training that they received from their Industrial Instructors during this project in various construction tasks will benefit them throughout their lives."

Clarke then added, "The Massachusetts Department of Correction looks forward to working with the Shirley Historical Society during future phases of this project and we thank you for the important work that you do in helping to preserve the past for the benefit of future generations."

Al Collins, project director, also spoke of the challenges encountered every step of the way. Collins said, "You never know what you will find when you go into one of these old buildings, but outstanding work was done and I am now excited that Department of Correction personnel will occupy these buildings."

The Shirley Historical Society, represented by Meredith Marcinkewicz, also produced a slide show which chronicled the disrepair that had befallen the buildings, with comparative pictures of the renovations. Marcinkewicz promised to continue to work with the Legislature in the hopes of entering into Phase II.

The event concluded with a walking tour of the refurbished buildings which are now occupied by the Office of Investigative Services, MASSCOR, and MCI Shirley staff.

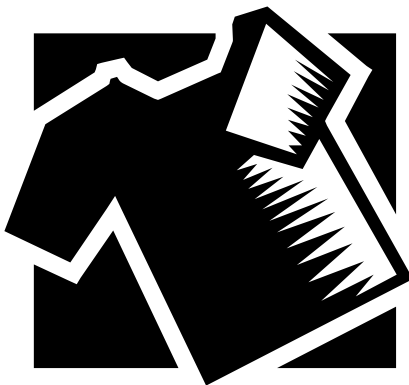
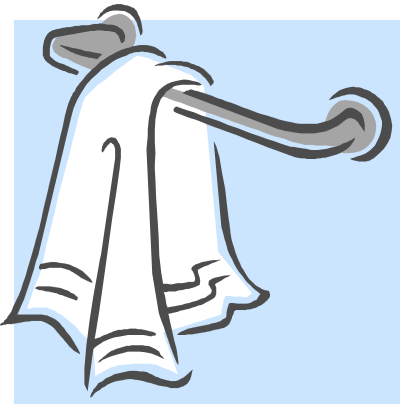
MASSCOR Sewing Shop

By Greg McCann

MASSCOR sewing shop, located in the Vocational/Educational building at MCI Shirley provides crucial support for the entire department, making sheets, towels, socks, kitchen hats, face clothes and T-shirts.

Scott Blake, a 17 year veteran of the DOC, oversees the shop at Shirley and seems to understand the big picture of not only running a productive operation, but also preparing inmates for reentry. Of his 51 inmate workers, Blake said, "I think it's important to teach them the fundamentals of work. They need to get used to working a full day, Monday through Friday." Blake also thinks some of the skills learned at Shirley may translate into employment with companies involved in embroidery. He mentions that the biggest challenge is in training inmates with a variety of skill sets.

The inmate workforce is up dramatically from last year's total of 18. This is due in part to a collaborative effort between MASSCOR and MCI Shirley Superintendent Duane MacEachern, who approved the expansion of the shop to accommodate the increase in workers. Said MacEachern, "The expansion has been good for the institution as it reduces idleness while providing the inmates with a valuable skill." The expansion is not limited to only the workforce and space. Blake estimates that production this year will be in excess of \$1,000,000 of merchandise. The sheets, shirts and other products not only go to all DOC facilities, but to county institutions and shelters, including the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans.



Expansion of MCI Shirley Minimum

By Greg McCann

Slowly but surely, the minimum component of MCI Shirley has expanded over the last two years and now has a count of 278 inmates. A key part of the DOC reentry initiative is to place inmates in the least restrictive security setting while simultaneously ensuring public safety. Additional minimum security beds help achieve the goal of preparing offenders for their reentry to communities across the Commonwealth. Minimum security offenders provide services to Souza Baranowski Correctional Center, MCI Shirley Medium and the Training Academy, as well as to local communities via outside work crews. These crews have contributed in various ways, including trash removal on highways, upkeep of local cemeteries and schools, and other public works projects that otherwise would not be completed.

There have been challenges in reopening the minimum, which closed along with MCI Lancaster and Southeastern Correctional Center in 2002. Like today, there were serious budgetary problems facing the state at that time. The decision was made to close facilities and transfer staff to existing facilities. Gradually, and in part due to the Department's adoption of a point based classification system in 2004, it became clear that more minimum security beds would be needed. MCI Shirley staff stepped up to the plate and got the job done, whether it was kitchen staff preparing additional meals per day, chaplains running more services, or records staff taking on additional inmate calculations.

Tiana Notice Foundation

By Greg McCann

Ask anyone who has worked with MCI Shirley Deputy Superintendent Alvin Notice to describe him and you're likely to hear some variation on his upbeat personality and positive outlook on life. It's been that way for all of his 27 years of service to the Department of Correction. And then, on Valentine's Day this year, an unthinkable tragedy visited Alvin and his family. His daughter, Tiana, was murdered, allegedly at the hands of her ex-boyfriend.

Although none of us can fully understand the pain that the Notice family is dealing with, one thing is unmistakable, and that is Alvin Notice's dedication to the cause of domestic violence prevention. Shortly after Tiana's death, the Tiana Notice Foundation was created. In March, a benefit hockey game was held at Cushing Academy raising close to \$10,000. In May, the Law Enforcement Softball Tournament was held in Leominster with \$1,000 raised for the Foundation. A golf tournament is being planned for the Fall. But Alvin is doing much more than fundraising. He was recently the featured speaker at a domestic violence event at Gardner High School. He also brought with him victims who shared their powerful stories with the students. By the end of the school day, nearly 100 students had attended the presentation. Alvin told the students, "I will continue to share this information. I am committed for the rest of my life."

A committee has been created with a two-fold mission of raising money and looking for ways to donate the funds that will best serve the purpose of honoring the memory of Tiana, while targeting charities that best serve victims of domestic violence. The Foundation has also met with judges and others in the advocacy community. There is much work left to do. Those of us that have worked side by side with Deputy Notice over the years have little doubt that the Foundation will continue to make an impact in our communities for years to come.



Judy and Paul Glynn Receive National Volunteer Leadership Award in Washington, D.C.

By Pamm MacEachern

Imagine your day starts with a breathing treatment, breakfast with a side of four or five different medications, chest/lung physical therapy, and you haven't even left the house. This is just the beginning of another day where you will go through this same routine five or more times during the day. Add finger sticks to test your diabetes and a feeding tube that runs all night for extra calories. It sounds exhausting. Now imagine that you are ten years old.

That is what it is like to have cystic fibrosis. Cystic fibrosis (CF) is an inherited, life-threatening disease that affects the lungs and digestive system of about 30,000 children and young adults in the United States. It is a disease where the body produces abnormally thick, sticky mucus, which clogs the lungs and can result in fatal lung infections. The mucus also obstructs the pancreas, causing difficulty with absorbing nutrients in food. There is no cure for cystic fibrosis.

That's where the Glynn's come in. Paul and Judy Glynn have three children, two of whom have cystic fibrosis. John is 14 and Paul is 10. To see them you would not know anything is wrong. They play hockey, lacrosse, and they ski. They go to school and they play video games. They are just like every other kid in every regard, with the exception of the added medical treatments and frequent hospitalizations that keep their CF under control.

Paul and Judy Glynn are the chairpersons of the Glynn Group, which helps raise money for cystic fibrosis research and care. There are over 150 people in the Glynn Group, who just this year alone, helped raise the better half of \$85,000 during the 2009 Cystic Fibrosis Ski Challenge Weekend at Bretton Woods. A lot of the donations came from Department of Correction staff. Not only did staff generously donate, they also participated in the fun filled ski weekend.

Paul and Judy have been doing this for more than 11 years. You might remember Paul Glynn who retired as a Lieutenant from MCI Plymouth after 20 years of public service. Judy is currently a Correction Officer at the Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center.

Because of their dedication to fundraising and ongoing community service, Paul and Judy Glynn were honored in Washington, D.C. on March 20, 2009. They both received the Volunteer Leadership Award from the National Cystic Fibrosis Council which honors those individuals who make exceptional strides in supporting the research and medical programs dedicated to advancing the life sustaining treatments and a cure for cystic fibrosis. Congratulations Paul and Judy Glynn for a job well done!

Next year's Cystic Fibrosis Ski Challenge will be held in March 2010 at Bretton Woods. For more information on making a donation or attending the annual ski weekend, please contact Paul Glynn at pglynn5@comcast.net. Make sure that you note that it is in regard to the CF Ski Challenge.

The Gift of Life

By Mary Ellen Robinson

Dependent upon kidney dialysis for 12 years, Artise Johnson can tell you how difficult it was to watch as some of her fellow dialysis patients died, sometimes in the chair right next to hers.

To become a kidney transplant donor is a life changing decision. That's the decision that was made by MCI Framingham CO Andra Johnson when she learned that she was a six point match for donating one of her kidneys to her sister, Artise.

The transplant took place on April 1st and began working immediately. Artise's sense of taste, which between medication and dialysis, had been lost to her, has returned. She talks about how great it is to actually taste food again for the first time in 12 years.

Both are home from the hospital and doing well. As expected in this kind of surgery, Andra's recovery and adjustment is taking a bit longer than that of Artise. "AJ," as CO Johnson is known, hopes that hearing her story will inspire others to give the gift of life to another.



COs Salute Our Armed Forces

By Joseph Guarino

On May 16th (Armed Forces Day), over 50 Correction Officers came together in a show of support to our military and their families. At 6:45a.m. the first 90'x40' flag was unfurled. The DOC Honor Guard and Correction Officers proceeded down the fairway of the Halifax Country Club to the sound of the National Anthem in salute to our troops.

Special thanks to Lt. Mark Jacques, CO Don Wright, Sgt. Jason Cummings, DOC Honor Guard and Deputy Commissioner Ronald T. Duval.

MCI Framingham Cares

By Brad Cowen

On Saturday, April 4, 2009, Correction Officer Robert Sweeney observed Canteen Corporation employee Neuza Pestana walking by him crying. Concerned for her, he immediately asked her if she was OK and proceeded to escort her to the Health Services Unit. On the way to the HSU, after being joined by Sgt. John Denehy, Ms. Pestana began to tell the tragic story of what had happened to her over the weekend. All of her personal belongings had been stolen from her home.

Sgt. Denehy and CO Sweeney knew that they had to do something to help. They decided to raise money to help replace some of the items that were stolen. Having learned that Ms. Pestana was sleeping on the floor with only a towel as a pillow, they wanted to move quickly. In addition to asking for monetary donations from the staff at MCI Framingham, they held a clambake in Culinary Arts. CO Sweeney went one step further, calling Bob's Furniture. After personally speaking to Bob himself, a deal was struck. Bob would let Ms. Pestana pick out the bedroom set of her choice, free of charge, with the understanding that any money raised would be used in Bob's Furniture to purchase other items for her residence.

Just four days later, MCI Framingham staff members were invited to a \$10 fried clam dinner in Culinary Arts with all proceeds going to Ms. Pestana. Sgt. Denehy dug and cooked the clams for the fundraiser. Between the money raised at the institution and the fried clam dinner, over \$1,300 was raised.

On the same day, several representatives of the Massachusetts Department of Correction, Canteen Corporation staff and members of the media met at Bob's Furniture for the presentation. In the presence of over 20 individuals, CO Robert Sweeney told Ms. Pestana and her daughter what the staff at MCI Framingham had done to help her. He then presented her the funds raised. In addition to the bedroom set donated by Bob's Furniture, Ms. Pestana was able to obtain a complete living room set.

Without the unselfish efforts of Sgt. John Denehy and CO Robert Sweeney, this would not have been possible. The reality is, they will both be upset when they are recognized for this act of kindness. They will be the first ones to say that it was only a success because of the generosity of ALL of the staff at MCI Framingham. It will also be said that they work with some of the best staff in the DOC.

I speak for Superintendent Lynn Bissonnette and all of the staff at MCI Framingham in recognizing these two individuals. We are proud that they not only represent MCI Framingham, but that they also represent the quality of staff employed by the DOC.



Photo Left: Supt. Michael Thompson (left) and Volunteer Eddy Hupe
Photo Right: Commissioner Clarke with volunteers Elizabeth Donovan (left) & Kathleen Reynolds

Pondville Volunteer Appreciation Event

By Nelson Alves

On April 22, 2009, as part of National Volunteer Appreciation Week, Pondville Correctional Center recognized the important role of volunteers who contribute to inmate programming at the facility. Commissioner Harold W. Clarke, Deputy Commissioner James R. Bender, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Luis Spencer, Director of Program Services and Reentry Chris Mitchell, and Director of Volunteer Services William Milhomme joined institutional staff at a dinner to honor volunteers' commitment, service and contributions in preparing offenders for a successful return to the community.

The 34 active volunteers at Pondville donate their time and offer a range of programming opportunities, including substance abuse, religious services, math tutoring, cognitive skills training, computer literacy skills, job search workshops, and the NEADS service dog program. Many of our volunteers have years of service to the institution and collectively they provide approximately 125 programming hours each month, a valuable complement to existing programming!

In welcoming everyone, Superintendent Michael Thompson expressed appreciation for the contributions of volunteers and acknowledged that their skills, life experiences and kindness make a positive difference in preparing offenders for their return to our communities. During the course of the evening, volunteers shared their experiences with institutional and executive staff. Inmates were given an opportunity to thank the volunteers by writing letters which were collected and put into a program. Below are some excerpts thanking the volunteers:

To the NEADS volunteers:

"....On behalf of everyone, we would like to thank you for believing in us, for seeing our potential and the true qualities we possess, for being a teacher, a great motivator, and your professionalism."

To the religious volunteers:

"...To come into this facility week after week to share with us the work of God and his love without prejudice of who we are, what we have done, what color or race we are, there are no words that can express my gratitude toward you and all the other volunteers that are working together for the greatest purpose."

To all volunteers:

"I want to thank you all for coming to Pondville Correctional Center and offering your professional advice, teachings, and encouragement so that our return to the community may be a successful one."



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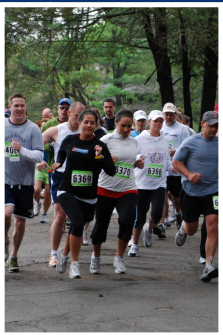
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National Correctional Officer/Employee
Appreciation Week May 3-9, 2009

By Cara Savelli

In an effort to express appreciation to all the staff that help make the DOC successful, a weeklong series of events were planned to show gratitude to those who place their safety on the line everyday in MA DOC facilities. On Monday, May 4th there was an Ecumenical Service at St. Jude's Church in Norfolk. Employee Recognition Day was held on Tuesday at each institution/division. Wednesday, MCI Norfolk hosted the Wellness Walk/ Run where there was a blood drive and a DNA swab station for the Caitlin Raymond International Bone Marrow Registry. Thursday, May 7th each institution had a cookout and Friday closed the week with the Institution/Division Challenge at Warren Hall in Bridgewater, where Bay State Correctional Center emerged victorious.



BSCC wins this year's Institution Challenge

Promotions: March- May

Sacheen Bowser	Domingos DaSilva	Amy Hughes
Jennifer Cullen	Marianne Dent	

Retirements: March – May

Thomas Cooper	Christopher Gillis	Joseph Luiz
Dorothy Fox	Maryan Gosselin	Gregory O'Roak
Jeffrey Gallo	Kevin Hayes	Elizabeth Tavares
Thomas Geiss	Richard Howarth	Robert Wagner